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In re Patent Application of:)	
Hiromi NANBA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Application No.: 09/995,812 ✓)	Examiner: Lyle ALEXANDER
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For: INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR)	
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PREPARING METHOD ...)	

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Sir:

It is requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued in connection with the above-identified application to include the acknowledgement of Priority Document No. JP 2000-297 which was filed in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/753,715 on April 2, 2001 and acknowledge in the June 18, 2002 Official Action.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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